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First Named Inventor	KATO, et al.
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APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF:
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Utility Patent

Design Patent

Plant Patent

APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)

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- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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(37 C.F.R. § 1.175) (PTO/SB/51 or 52)
- Original U.S. Patent currently assigned?

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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Serial No.: Reissue application of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,755

Filed: February 6, 2002

For: VACUUM PROCESSING AND OPERATING METHOD

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements of 37 CFR 1.173(c), the following sets forth the status of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,755 in the above-identified Reissue application. Patent claims 1-32 remain pending, with claim 16 being amended. No new claims are added by this Reissue application, as compared with the claims of the patent.

It is respectfully submitted that the present claims are supported, for example, by Figs. 1 and 2, particularly together with the corresponding description in columns 3-5, of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,755.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No.

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OFFER TO SURRENDER ORIGINAL PATENT

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Sir:

Applicants hereby offer to surrender the original Letters Patent of U.S. Patent No. 6,330,755. The Official Letters Patent, or a Statement that the Official Letters Patent is lost or inaccessible, will be submitted in due course, prior to passing the Reissue application to issue.

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